

Upper Mill Meadow Restoration Area T. 7 S., R. 7 W., Sec. 9



Location on 1998 aerial photo

Meadow Site Description - Mary's Peak Resource Area, Salem District BLM

Landmark Name: Upper Mill Creek -ALegal: 7-7-9Date: 10-16-02Slope: 45%Aspect: SouthElev.:2500'Topo site: mid-slopeType: wet dryAerial: Photo: 34_27B_34LUA: AMRAcres: 26 Total, A=1

<u>Description A:</u> Small, about 1-2 acres. Spp:) (hairy manzanita, northern buckwheat, dogtail grass (80% cover), silver hairgrass, and much racomitrium moss, TODI, HYPPE, and ACMIL.

<u>Vegetation condition</u>: site10-15 surface rock, very dry.

<u>Oak/hardwood</u>: 1 small oak in NE corner, not open-grown, but not overtopped and no DF to overtop within 15- 20 years.

<u>Conifer invasion</u>: Minor, most trees on meadow edge are older, very poor form. 15-20 DF/GF saps, SE corner.

<u>Recommended treatments</u>: Conifer removal, remove future conifer competition 1 tree ht. around oak, increase native species grass and forb coverage/diversity by seeding and/or planting.

Fire reintroduction comments: Very dry site, may be unsuitable for burning..

Landmark Name: <i>Upper Mill Creek B</i>			
Legal: 7-7-9 Date: 10-16-02			
Slope: 45%	Aspect: South	Elev.:2500'	Topo site: upper slope
Type: wet <u>dry</u>	Aerial: Photo: 34_27B_34	LUA: AMR	Acres: 26 Total, B=2

Description B: Same Spp. As "description A": HAIRY MANZANITA, N. BUCKWHEAT, DOGTAIL GRASS (80% COVER), SILVER HAIRGRASS, TODI, HYPPE, and ACMIL. Much RACOMITRIUM MOSS as well with the addition of BALSAMORHIZA or WYETHIA (coneflower?).

<u>Oak/hardwood</u>: Along the top, 5-8 trees, partially shaded and leaning into MEADOW. More Oak at the East end, mostly tall shrub form, 12-20'.

<u>Conifer invasion</u>: Most recent along bottom (South) lots of DF/GF saps. Top has 20-30-40 year old trees. ACMA on the West end, also 3-4 on the bottom of the area, 25-30' tall, becoming overtopped with DF saplings underneath.

Recommended treatments: Conifer removal, remove future conifer competition 1 tree ht. around oak, increase native species grass and forb coverage/diversity by seeding and/or planting. Thin oak.

Fire reintroduction comments: Very dry site, may be unsuitable for burning.

Landmark Name: <u>Upper Mill Creek C</u>			
Legal: 7-7-9	Date: 10-16-02		
Slope: 45%	Aspect: SW, SE	Elev.: 2400'	Topo site: upper slope
Type: wet dry	Aerial: Photo: 34_27B_34	LUA: AMR	Acres: 26 Total, A=2

Description C: Another very small 2-3 acre meadow. Wraps around small side ridge. Contains the same Spp. As "Description A" (HAIRY MANZANITA, N. BUCKWHEAT, DOGTAIL GRASS (80% COVER), SILVER HAIRGRASS, TODI, HYPPE, and ACMIL. Much RACOMITRIUM MOSS as well) with the addition of MADRONE, which are seeding into meadow (10-15 saplings).

<u>Oak/hardwood</u>: Oak on margins, mostly North (upper) edge. Most are free to grow, some are over topped.

<u>Conifer invasion</u>: Mostly bottom edge, many DF saps 5-10'. Top edge, many DF 40+ years old, 5-8" DBH.

<u>Recommended treatments</u>: Conifer removal, remove future conifer competition 1 tree ht. around oak, increase native species grass and forb coverage/diversity by seeding and/or planting

<u>Fire reintroduction comments</u>: Very dry site, may be unsuitable for burning.

Landmark Name: <u>Upper Mill Creek D</u>			
Legal: 7-7-9	Date: 10-16-02		
Slope: 45%	Aspect: south	Elev.: 2400'	Topo site: upper slope
Type: wet <u>dry</u>	Aerial: Photo: 34_27B_34	LUA: AMR	Acres: 26 Total, D=1

<u>Description D:</u> Dominated by 10-15' rock cliff running lengthwise thru it. Spp. Are the same as in "Description A" (HAIRY MANZANITA, N. BUCKWHEAT, DOGTAIL GRASS (80% COVER), SILVER HAIRGRASS, TODI, HYPPE, and ACMIL. Much RACOMITRIUM MOSS as well), with the addition of ALPINE CLUBMOSS, (LYCOPODIUM ALPINUM), and infrequent ERIOPHYLLUM or LUINA.

Oak/hardwood: Only 2 Oak seen, partially to fully over topped. Madrone tree in NW

Conifer invasion: DF saplings at all edges, 30-50 total.

<u>Recommended Treatments</u>: Conifer removal, oak release, increase native species grasses and forbs by seeding and/or planting.

<u>Firereintroduction comments</u>: Very dry site, may be unsuitable for Burning.

Landmark Name: <u>Upper Mill Creek E</u>			
Legal: 7-7-9 Date: 10-16-02			
Slope: 60-70% E, 50% W	Aspect: south, southeast	Elev.: 2400'	Topo site: upper slope
Type: wet <u>dry</u>	Aerial: Photo: 98_34_27A_34	LUA: AMR	Acres: 26 Total, E=9

<u>Description E/E1:</u> No cliffs on the West. East end has steep cliffs. E1 is a small, rocky meadow on a flat bench above E.

<u>Oak/hardwood</u>: West end has groves of small oak, 15-20 'tall in meadow and on the edges end and patches of browsed regen, 2-4' tall. Fewer oaks on the East end, most are just on the North edge. E1 has small oaks on edges.

<u>Conifer invasion</u>: Most is old on the West end, 30+ years old DF and a few saplings. DF encroach is moderate in the East. E1 has conifer encroachment on all sides.

Recommended Treatments: Conifer removal, oak release, possibly oak thinning, increase native species grasses and forbs by seeding and/or planting.

<u>Firereintroduction comments</u>: Very dry site, may be unsuitable for Burning.

Landmark Name: <u>Upper Mill Creek F</u>			
Legal: 7-7-9 Date: 10-16-02			
Slope: 60-90%	Aspect: SE	Elev.: 2000'	Topo site: mid slope
Type: wet <u>dry</u>	Aerial: Photo:	LUA: AMR	Acres: 26 Total, F=2

<u>Description F:</u> The ridge broadens in the West and is a 40% slope. Opening is very poor soil, mostly with DOGTAIL and RACOMITRIUM.

Oak/hardwood: a few oak and madrone amidst DF on west edge (ridgetop).

Conifer invasion: Minor encroachment, mostly 40+ years old.

<u>Recommended treatments</u>: Conifer removal to maintain meadow. Native species restoration by seeding or planting.

Landmark Name: <u>Upper Mill Creek G</u>			
Legal: 7-7-9 Date: 10-16-02			
Slope: 40%	Aspect: SW	Elev.: 1700'	Topo site: Mid slope
Type: wet dry	Aerial: Photo:	LUA: AMR	Acres: 26 Total, G=4

<u>Description G:</u> Relatively large site, very dry as well. Madrone trees 30-40' tall, N and E edges. Cliff near bottom.

<u>Oak/hardwood</u>: Oak along edges, 15-20', very dense grove below cliff.

<u>Conifer invasion</u>: A few scattered 20-30 year old DF in interior, some 10-15 saplings. West edge also has encroachment, 3 small meadows to South and West, similar characters.

Recommended Treatments: Conifer removal, oak release, possibly oak thinning, increase native species grasses and forbs by seeding and/or planting.

<u>Firereintroduction comments</u>: Very dry site, may be unsuitable for Burning.

Landmark Name: <u>Upper Mill Creek H</u>			
Legal: 7-7-9	Date: 10-16-02		
Slope: 60-90%	Aspect: south	Elev.: 1600'	Topo site:
Type: wet dry	Aerial: Photo:	LUA:	Acres: 26 Total, H=5

<u>Description H:</u> Not visited. Nearly sheer face with flat ridge top above. Too steep to work slope, part on Pvt. Photo #13 is useful here.

Oak/hardwood: Ridge has Oak and ARME.

Conifer invasion: No DF encroach visible, but it is likely on the lower part.

<u>Recommended Treatments</u>: Conifer removal, oak release, possibly oak thinning, increase native species grasses and forbs by seeing and/or planting. Due to the cliffs on this site, work would be limited to the flat slope on north edge.

Firereintroduction comments: Unsuitable for Burning.

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A series of dry meadows, with thin soil. Typically have a fading fringe of oak, and minor levels of conifer invasion.

